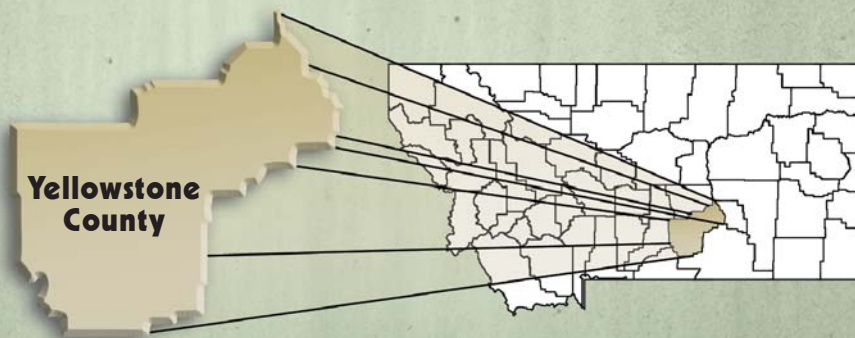


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Yellowstone County

Yellowstone County is Montana's most populous county, with an estimated 139,936 residents in 2007. Billings, the county seat, is the state's largest city, with a population estimated at 101,876 as of July 1, 2007.¹ Other cities and towns in Yellowstone County include: Acton, Ballantine, Broadview, Custer, Huntley, Laurel, Pompey's Pillar, Shepard, and Worden.

Billings, the largest city in a 500 mile radius, serves as a commercial and transportation hub for the state, as well as a major center for education and medical services. Billings benefits from having a diversified economy, where oil and gas, health care, livestock, and banking play significant roles. The city boasts three colleges (MSU-Billings, MSU-Billings College of Technology, and Rocky Mountain College), two major hospitals, two oil refineries, and an international airport.

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Resources for Yellowstone County

Chambers of Commerce

Billings Chamber

815 S. 27th, Billings, MT 59107-1177
(406) 245-4111, www.billingschamber.com

Laurel Chamber

108 E. Main, Laurel, MT 59044
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Economic Development

Beartooth RC&D

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Joliet, MT 59041, (406) 962-3914
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Big Sky Economic Development Authority

222 N. 32nd St., Suite 200
Billings, MT 59101, (406) 256-6871
www.bigskyeda-edc.org

Montana Business Incubator

100 Poly Dr., Suite 150, Billings, MT 59101
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Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)

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Newspapers

Big Sky Business Journal

P. O. Box 3262, Billings, MT 59103
(406) 259-2309
E-mail: press@bigskybusiness.com

Billings Gazette

P. O. Box 36300, Billings, MT 59107-6300
(406) 657-1200 or (800) 543-2505
www.billingsgazette.com

The Billings Outpost

1833 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59102
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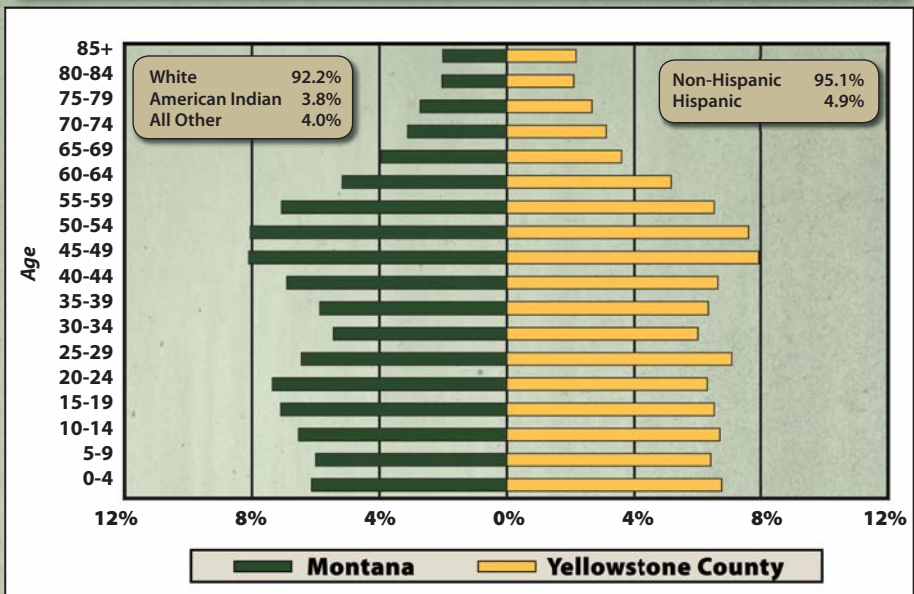
Job Service Workforce Center

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Billings, MT 59102-6274
(406) 652-3080, wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/billings

Population for Yellowstone County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2007	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	April 1, 2000
Yellowstone County	8.2%	139,936	138,114	136,543	134,602	133,081	131,793	130,616	129,352
Billings city	13.4%	101,876	100,208	98,775	96,998	95,398	94,071	92,915	89,847
Broadview town	0.0%	150	150	150	149	150	150	150	150
Laurel city	3.8%	6,495	6,403	6,320	6,326	6,315	6,303	6,293	6,255
Balance of Yellowstone	-5.1%	31,415	31,353	31,298	31,129	31,218	31,269	31,258	33,100

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Yellowstone County, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates

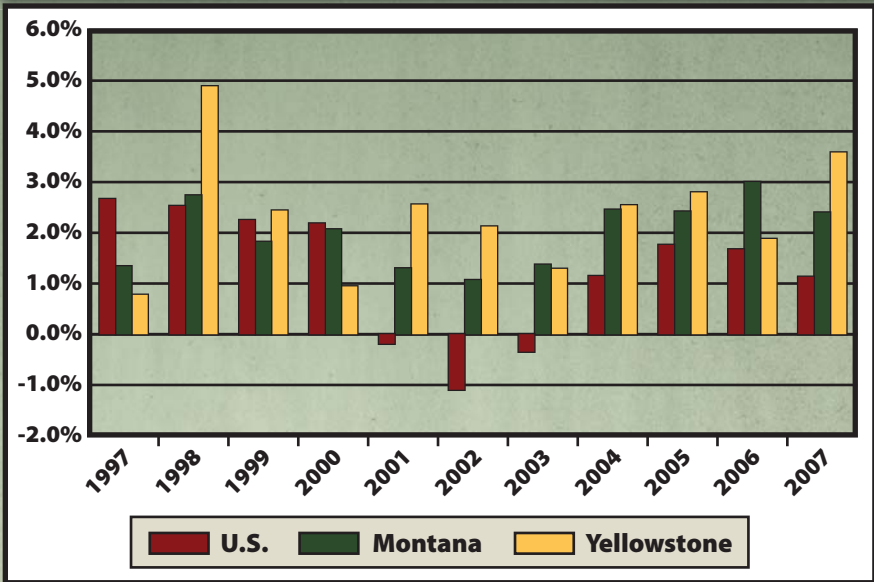
Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Yellowstone County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	11.5%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.5%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.5%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	19.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.5%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	2.1%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2007

U.S., Montana, and Yellowstone County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Yellowstone County

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2008 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's Food & Drug	8	Food Services of America	7
Avitus Group	9	Rocky Mountain College	7
Billings Clinic	9	St. John's Lutheran Home	8
Billings Gazette	7	St. Vincent Healthcare	9
Cenex	7	Sysco Food Services	7
Computer Claims Administration	7	Target	7
ConocoPhillips	7	United Parcel Service	6
Costco	7	Wal-Mart	9
ExxonMobil	7	Wells Fargo	8
First Interstate Bank	8	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Yellowstone County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	1,407	1,279	10%
Land in farms (acres)	1,615,769	1,568,637	3%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,148	1,226	-6%
Median size of farms (acres)	80	144	-44%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,182	1,042	13%
1,000 acres or more	225	237	-5%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,212	1,123	8%
\$100,000 or more	195	156	25%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,279	1,165	10%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	128	114	12%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	124,158	127,980	-3%
Hogs and pigs	(D)	3,455	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,593	4,588	-22%
Horses and ponies	5,454	4,102	33%
Bison	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	6,953	1,212	474%
Corn for silage or greenchop	11,221	13,176	-15%
Wheat for grain, All	82,426	69,211	19%
Winter wheat for grain	57,473	50,264	14%
Spring wheat for grain	24,953	(D)	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	0	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	683	439	56%
Barley for grain	17,683	20,397	-13%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	52,175	50,116	4%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	538	643	-16%
Other	869	636	37%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,134	1,036	9%
Not on farm operated	273	243	12%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	414	397	4%
10 years or more	993	882	13%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	668	700	-5%
55 years and over	739	579	28%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.4	53.9	5%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	5,620	76,705	\$35,749
TOTAL PRIVATE	5,514	68,455	\$34,776
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	38	289	\$24,078
Crop production	7	*	*
Animal production	19	184	\$19,215
Forestry and logging	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	11	59	\$37,782
MINING	53	366	\$84,741
Oil and gas extraction	18	138	\$117,736
Mining, except oil and gas	6	61	\$49,367
Support activities for mining	30	167	\$70,446
UTILITIES	16	369	\$67,075
CONSTRUCTION	754	5,780	\$44,873
Construction of buildings	230	1,652	\$49,111
Heavy and civil engineering construction	60	1,351	\$55,279
Specialty trade contractors	464	2,777	\$37,289
MANUFACTURING	187	3,493	\$52,298
Food manufacturing	27	610	\$34,263
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	*	*
Textile product mills	6	53	\$23,508
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	8	140	\$25,758
Printing and related support activities	18	323	\$28,917
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	5	877	\$92,862
Chemical manufacturing	7	113	\$51,308
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	3	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	13	95	\$34,440
Primary metal manufacturing	3	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	28	481	\$43,103
Machinery manufacturing	9	205	\$42,814
Computer and electronic product mfg	3	15	\$26,915
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	17	114	\$27,791
Miscellaneous manufacturing	30	251	\$64,302
WHOLESALE TRADE	452	5,359	\$46,841
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	266	3,300	\$46,683
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	106	1,762	\$47,021
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	80	296	\$47,524
RETAIL TRADE	687	10,354	\$25,115
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	116	1,692	\$39,023
Furniture and home furnishings stores	47	448	\$30,355
Electronics and appliance stores	40	356	\$26,699
Building material & garden supply stores	71	999	\$29,372
Food and beverage stores	45	1,135	\$20,961
Health and personal care stores	37	334	\$25,165
Gasoline stations	54	624	\$17,726
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	74	902	\$13,599
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	58	606	\$18,591
General merchandise stores	21	2,273	\$23,014
Miscellaneous store retailers	108	875	\$22,059
Nonstore retailers	17	111	\$28,721

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

* Data Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	215	3,128	\$33,832
Air transportation	11	391	\$32,306
Truck transportation	127	1,204	\$39,282
Transit and ground passenger transport	9	314	\$19,067
Pipeline transportation	4	51	\$81,264
Support activities for transportation	41	480	\$31,178
Postal service	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	18	649	\$30,569
Warehousing and storage	4	15	\$32,073
INFORMATION	96	1,290	\$39,945
Publishing industries, except Internet	19	378	\$39,348
Motion picture, sound recording industry	11	97	\$23,611
Broadcasting, except Internet	12	275	\$41,003
Telecommunications	43	492	\$43,821
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	11	48	\$31,792
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	326	3,096	\$52,370
Credit intermediation & related activity	104	1,768	\$48,334
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	68	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	153	938	\$45,232
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	278	1,238	\$29,211
Real estate	221	660	\$27,821
Rental and leasing services	48	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	9	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	565	3,922	\$46,884
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	19	183	\$70,432
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	303	5,306	\$20,551
Administrative and support services	285	5,114	\$19,760
Waste management and remediation service	17	192	\$41,663
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	48	574	\$23,552
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	463	11,195	\$43,529
Ambulatory health care services	279	2,624	\$52,885
Hospitals	4	4,719	\$56,882
Nursing and residential care facilities	36	2,257	\$24,150
Social assistance	144	1,594	\$16,042
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	151	1,792	\$15,446
Performing arts and spectator sports	24	213	\$22,737
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	7	66	\$18,793
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	120	1,513	\$14,275
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	351	7,637	\$13,379
Accommodation	55	1,118	\$15,132
Food services and drinking places	296	6,519	\$13,078
OTHER SERVICES	514	3,086	\$23,565
Repair and maintenance	195	1,093	\$34,012
Personal and laundry services	101	675	\$19,364
Membership associations & organizations	168	1,241	\$17,261
Private households	50	76	\$13,657
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	107	8,250	\$43,817
Local Government	30	5,015	\$37,941
State Government	16	1,421	\$38,326
Federal Government	61	1,814	\$64,370

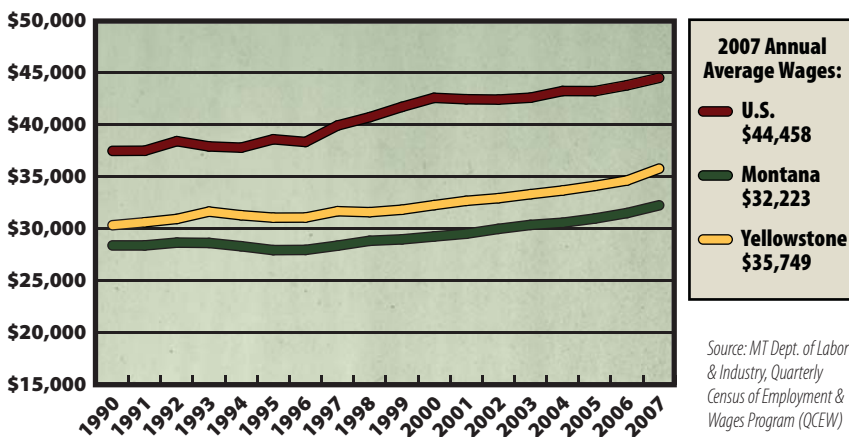
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Yellowstone County

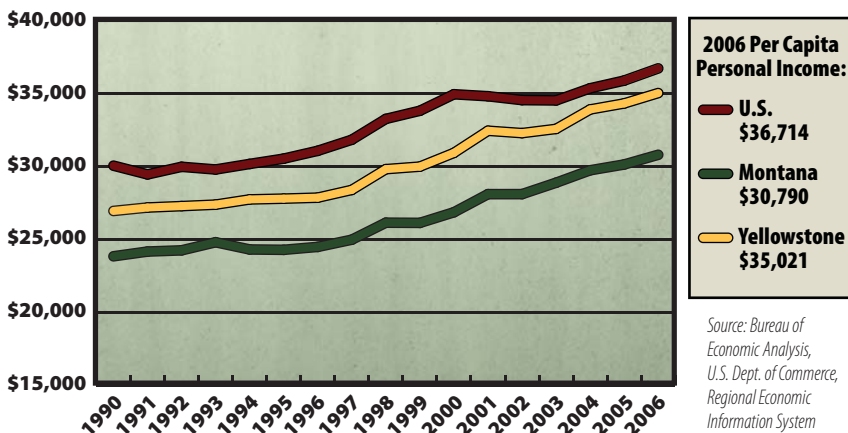
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2007	81,464	79,532	1,932	2.4%
2006	79,800	77,660	2,140	2.7%
2005	78,444	76,060	2,384	3.0%
2004	76,334	73,845	2,489	3.3%
2003	75,165	72,635	2,530	3.4%
2002	74,395	71,698	2,697	3.6%
2001	72,266	69,663	2,603	3.6%
2000	71,487	68,572	2,915	4.1%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2007 (In 2007 Dollars)



Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



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